

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
DOROTHY ROTH

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my friend and my constituent Dorothy Roth, who sadly passed away on Monday. Dorothy's life was a testament to the innate goodness of human nature; a demonstration of the overwhelming positive effect one person can have on the community; and a reflection of the can-do spirit of America. She will be deeply missed by countless people.

Throughout her 81 years, Dorothy lived life to the fullest, with endless enthusiasm, an unmistakable grace, and an unwavering commitment to others. Her leadership challenged others to achieve more. Whether it was her work on behalf of the West Chester Liberty Chamber Alliance, Friends of the West Chester Library, Partners in Prime, The Community Foundation, the West Chester Historical Society, or the local Republican Party, Dorothy always gave more than she ever asked or received.

It is little wonder that in 1999 the West Chester Liberty Chamber Alliance designated its annual award as the Dorothy and Art Roth Citizen of the Year Award, in honor of Dorothy and her late husband Art. And it is also little wonder that in 2005 Dorothy received the Chamber's Lifetime Member Award.

As deserving as the awards and accolades were, the true hallmarks of Dorothy's life were the small things she did day in and day out for people across our community, and for the organizations that work each day to make West Chester a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. Dorothy's infectious smile in a time of need; her wit and energy to boost one's day; her never-give-up attitude; and her ability to see the best in people changed our community for the better . . . one person, one group, one smile, one laugh, one encouraging comment at a time.

Dorothy Roth's life was a testament to the American ethos, to the spirit of community and of devotion to others. I consider it an honor to have represented Dorothy in Congress. She was a friend and a citizen in the truest sense of the word. Her passing is a loss for our community, but her life is an example for us all to follow so that we can continue the work she so deeply loved. May God watch over my dear friend Dorothy Roth.

REPEALING MANDATORY FUNDING
FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1216) to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations:

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this short-sighted and harmful legislation, H.R. 1216.

Everybody recognizes that we don't have enough primary care physicians and by 2020 most experts believe that we will face a shortage of over 40,000 primary care doctors. This legislation ignores reality and would jeopardize funding for a program whose purpose is to increase the number of primary care doctors and bring down the cost of health care.

As a result, it would be more difficult to find a doctor and people would be forced to turn to more expensive and less effective emergency room care.

This bill is a step backwards. Rather than supporting a meaningful effort that will reduce this shortage of primary care physicians, Republicans have brought a bill to the Floor that undermines health care. It is one of the many mindless attempts to repeal health care reform that just make needed change harder to achieve. We need to strengthen our health care system by implementing health care reform.

To move forward we need to reject Republican efforts, vote down this bill and reject the dangerous health care policies in the Republican budget that will end Medicare and cut Medicaid.

I urge Members of Congress to reject this bill.

ELIZABETH ROHN-NELSON
TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson for her commitment to helping others through her vast experience in public affairs and media relations. Ms. Rohn-Nelson has dedicated herself to dozens of important causes and has been an exemplary volunteer.

Her ability to publicize and popularize a program or issue is a rare talent. If not for Ms. Rohn-Nelson's efforts, the famous "Bells Across America" event would never have

been launched, nor a number of other, similar events. She also played an instrumental role in the United States Bicentennial celebration, several political campaigns and many non-profit groups.

Perhaps her most admirable characteristic is her passion for connecting to people. The warmth and care she shows towards all is commendable. It is one of the reasons she has displayed such affluence in public affairs.

She launched campaigns to help the homeless, created volunteer awards, and fought for education across the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and recognize Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson. She has spent a lifetime helping the less fortunate and I have no doubt that she will continue to provide leadership to communities across the country.

CELERATING REPUBLIC OF
AZERBAIJAN 93RD REPUBLIC DAY

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ms. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, on May 28, the Republic of Azerbaijan will celebrate its 93rd Republic Day, as well as the 20th anniversary of its freedom from the Soviet Union and the start of diplomatic relations with the United States.

Located between Russia and Iran in the strategic region between Europe and Asia, Azerbaijan is a stable and secular country, and is one of the few places in that part of the world where Muslims, Jews and Christians live together in peace.

Additionally, Azerbaijan has always been a great ally of the United States, offering assistance after the attacks on 9/11, and supporting action in the Middle East to protect the United States and the world from the threat of terrorism.

My colleagues are encouraged to join me in honoring Azerbaijan on the occasion of its 93rd Republic Day and celebrating the continuation of the great United States-Azerbaijan relationship.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS
WEEK

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, once again, I rise this morning to share with my colleagues in the House what my neighbors at home shared with me during the May Constituent Work Period.

The week at home coincided with National Small Business Week. I was happy to meet with a number of small business owners.

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And I participated in the ribbon-cutting of the newest small business in my hometown of Hazleton—a little sandwich shop. Small businesses like that are the lifeblood of this country. More than 50 percent of Americans either work for or own a small business.

And while big business usually gets the press, businesses with more than 100 employees make up less than one half of one percent of all of the businesses in the United States.

I'm a former small business owner. My wife and I started a business with twenty-nine dollars and ninety-five cents. I know what it takes to grow a business.

I know how burdensome overregulation and high taxes cripple small business owners and prevent them from expanding and hiring more people.

We in Congress need to support businesses of all sizes. Back home, I toured the Packerton Yards, a brownfield site in Carbon County.

Local economic developers hope to turn an abandoned railroad station into a 57-acre industrial park that would employ hundreds of people. Of course, one of the things we need to do to grow business in the future is to provide a skilled workforce.

During my week at home, I was privileged to participate in the commencement exercises of about 1,000 students from King's College and Lackawanna College. Some of these students are just starting their professional careers. Some are adults who returned to college to improve their chances at a better career.

All are to be commended for their hard work and dedication, and I know my neighbors back home join me in wishing them luck.

I also had the chance to interact with future graduates at McCann School of Business and Technology in Lackawanna County, and with students who are making the most of their educational opportunity at the Keystone Job Corps Center in Drums, Luzerne County. It was inspiring to talk with them and hear about their hopes for the future.

And as this Congress continues to debate the future of health care, I toured facilities in my district that help people suffering from the ravages of cancer and from autism. Both the Northeast Regional Oncology Center and the Friendship House of Lackawanna County provide compassionate care, and their employees are to be commended for their work.

Finally, on May 17, thousands of people across Pennsylvania went to the polls and cast their votes for local and county races. I'd like to congratulate all those candidates who were successful in the primary election races, and I'd like to commend everyone who sought public office.

As anyone in this Chamber can attest, running for office is not easy. It requires a tremendous amount of sacrifice, for the candidates and their families.

Public service is a noble cause. It is the cornerstone of our democracy. And as we head into this Memorial Day weekend, we must remember that serving the public—and even voting itself—honor the memories of all those who died defending our freedom.

INTRODUCING THE RECOVERING MISSING CHILDREN ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues and fellow Ways and Means members ERIK PAULSEN (R-MN) and PATRICK TIBERI (R-OH), and my colleague JOE COURTNEY (D-CT), to introduce the Recovering Missing Children Act. Today, May 25th is National Missing Children's Day. This legislation will help state and local law enforcement access the resources they need to bring missing children home safely.

Each year, more than 200,000 children are abducted by family members. These are usually not the stories that make national headlines, but the effects can be just as devastating. Even when there is a happy ending and young people are returned home, challenges remain. As one young woman who experienced a family abduction explains, "I had to get to know my mother from scratch, while at the same time dealing with my own prejudices and fear I had built up toward this stranger from years on the run and the negative messages from my father."

In the case of a missing child, any information that might lead to the child's return is crucial. Recently, the U.S. Treasury Department studied 1,700 parental abductions and found that in over one third of the cases, tax returns were filed using the missing child's Social Security number. Hundreds of those tax returns had a new address for the child and the abductor. Tragically, law enforcement officers were not allowed access to this information.

The Recovering Missing Children Act amends the Internal Revenue Code to add the case of a missing or exploited child to the list of exceptions allowing the release of Internal Revenue Service, IRS, tax return information. The privacy of one's IRS information is vital and must be protected. However, the law makes exceptions for the release of select information in specific cases, such as for child support enforcement, verifying information for Medicare benefits, or if someone has defaulted on a student loan. The chance to find a missing child and bring him or her home deserves such an exception.

The Recovering Missing Children Act requires a Federal court order for the release of this information to ensure that taxpayers' rights to privacy are respected. It also limits the release of such information to only Federal, state and local law enforcement agents personally and directly involved in the investigation of a missing or exploited child. The vast majority of missing children cases are investigated by state and local law enforcement. They need all possible resources at their disposal to make sure these children are safe and home where they belong.

I urge my colleagues to stand with myself, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. TIBERI and Mr. COURTNEY on behalf of missing children and the law enforcement officers who diligently work for their safety. I ask for your support of the Recovering Missing Children Act.

PAUL SCHAUER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize University of Colorado Regent Paul Schauer for his lifelong commitment to the state of Colorado and its people. Mr. Schauer has devoted much of his career to serving the citizens of the Centennial state and is one of its proudest residents.

Mr. Schauer was born and raised in DeKalb, Illinois, but it didn't take long for him to make Colorado his permanent home. He attended Doane College, in Nebraska, where he received a bachelor of arts in economics, and finished his post graduate studies at the University of Colorado at Denver.

After graduation, Mr. Schauer became an immensely successful businessman in Centennial and committed himself to public service. In 1979 he was elected to the state legislature and held his seat for nearly 20 years. He was popular among his colleagues at the state Capitol and he focused his efforts on such crucial issues as education, the environment and the state economy.

Following his stint in the Colorado General Assembly, Mr. Schauer became a University of Colorado Regent. He established himself quickly and became the board's chairman for a brief period. His guidance has contributed to the University's tremendous success.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and recognize one of Colorado's foremost businessman and public figures. He has spent a lifetime fighting for the issues facing Colorado and its higher education system.

HONORING CLOUD, WILD STALLION OF THE ROCKIES

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the wild horse stallion known as Cloud, born May 29, 1995 in the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range of Montana.

This majestic stallion has become the most famous wild horse in the world, and serves as the ambassador and emblem of wild horses and burros living free and protected on public lands.

No other wild horse in United States history has had his life story known and shared throughout the world.

Filmed as a tottering newborn foal beside his mother, the citizens of our great nation watched him grow into a bachelor stallion living among other young males, testing his strength, honing the skills he would one day need to start his own family.

Eventually, Cloud became a band stallion, winning mares and fathering his own foals. Cloud's history, captured on film and books by Ginger Kathrens, filmmaker and documentarian, has been shown throughout the United States on Public Broadcasting as part of the Nature Series, and throughout the world on numerous channels and networks.

Cloud symbolizes the spirit of the West and links us with our heritage. The study of his life